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MORE BUILDINGS FOR REPUBLIC

Another Large Addition to Be Constructed Before Winter Sets In.

OF SAW TOOTH CONSTRUCTION

Will be an Addition to the Old Miller Saw Trimmer Company's Building.

It has been announced that the Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated, has let a contract for a large addition to the building known locally as the Miller Saw Trimmer building. The extension to be constructed will be on the west side of the present structure, and will be of brick construction. The new addition is to be 75 feet in length, with almost the same depth as the present building. The "saw tooth" construction on the present building will be carried out in the new addition. Work on this structure is to be started within a short time and will be completed before winter sets in.

To the east of the present structure a long runway, probably of frame construction is to be built, also before winter. This runway will connect the present building with the railroad tracks to the east, so as to facilitate unloading and loading cars during the winter.

The steps being taken now by the Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated, on this recently acquired ground is only the fore runner of much more building on the triangle in the future. Whether or not more building will be done on this Republic property before winter, is not known, but it is almost a certainty that another year will see plenty of building on this plot.

GLENER CONVENTION

Ancient Order of Gleaners to Convene in Mt. Pleasant.

Preliminary preparations have been made for the largest gathering of farmers ever held in this part of Michigan, when the Gleaners of Isabella district hold their Federation Rally in the auditorium and gymnasium rooms, Mt. Pleasant, on Thursday, October 19th. There will be three sessions—a Federation session in the forenoon, to which all Gleaners are invited to attend, a public session in the afternoon and a closed session in the evening.

Besides an address by Grant Slocum, supreme secretary and founder of the order, and recitals by Miss Lucia Bellamy of Ionia, there will be vocal and musical selections and recitations by local talent, military and fancy drills, exemplifications of the ritualistic work, feasting, and other features that will help to make the occasion a pleasant affair.

An interesting literary program and special recitals, Vernon Arbor will put on the "Opening, Introduction, Obligation and Closing" ceremony. Deerfield and Chippewa Arbores will confer the Dramatic degree, King and Shepherd Arbores will confer the Ruth degree, also Deerfield Arbor will have a ladies' fancy drill and Beals City Arbor will have a character drill. Other teams will be on the floor in drill work. There will be a forenoon session and a basket picnic dinner at noon, a public session in the afternoon and a closed session at night.

Mr. Wm. Harris of Mt. Pleasant, has completed a series of special meetings in Isabella district, lining up for campaign work fourteen Arbores, which have started local contests to promote the lecture series and secure new members. The Arbor securing the largest number of new members will be awarded a grand prize by the Supreme Federation department.

BRADFORD A CANDIDATE

Supervisor of Arcadia Nominated by Democrats for State Senator.

Fred Bradford of Arcadia township, has been nominated as a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of state senator, according to the final count throughout the senatorial district.

Fred Bradford of Arcadia township has been supervisor for a number of years, and has been re-elected time and again by the residents of that township. Mr. Bradford has always been most popular with the people of Arcadia township, and at the primaries was given a big vote in that township by the Democrats. In other places he picked up a few and when he votes were all tabulated Mr. Bradford had more than any other candidate.

FINAL NOTICE

After Monday, October 11th, the ordinance pertaining to stable litter (manure piles) will be enforced. The health department has done the pleading and coaxing act for several months. The Marshall and the courts will now finish the job.

"Where Are My Children?"—Idle hour.—Ad.

FRESH WIN RUSH

First Year Men Tear Down Sophs' Flag in Five Minutes.

In the annual class rush held yesterday morning at 6:00, the class of veridants of Alma college, ripped down the flag of the sophomores in less than five minutes of exciting rioting. The first year men outnumbered the sophs nearly two to one, and all efforts of the second year men to pull down the ratio failed to make it near enough, so that they were able to withstand the rush of the youngsters. On Monday night a couple of the freshmen, including the president of the class, were spirited away, and until after the rush, these men, both of them big fellows, could not be found. The freshmen tried every known method in finding out where they were, but without success. On Tuesday more freshmen were spirited away, these being taken somewhere near Wheeler and secured, as the second year men thought, until after the rush. These men broke loose in some way, and got back just in time to take part in the rush, and the efforts of these men, eight in number, is said to have turned defeat into victory for the freshmen.

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BELL TELEPHONE CO.

MANAGERS CHANGED

John Holman Goes to Lansing—Succeeded by E. R. Cummings of Ludington.

It has been announced that John Holman, for the past year and a half, district manager of the Bell Telephone company, with headquarters in this city, has been called to the Bell Telephone company's offices in Lansing, where he will take the position which has been held during the time that Mr. Holman has been here, by F. A. Almman, a former Alma manager.

The company has transferred Mr. E. R. Cummings of Ludington, Michigan, to Alma to succeed Mr. Holman here. Mr. Cummings comes to Alma highly recommended, and has had seventeen years of service with the Bell Telephone company. Through a consolidation with another company the Bell transferred its holdings in Ludington, but the experience that Mr. Cummings had was so valuable to the company that he was given the local position, with charge over this district.

Mr. Cummings expects to move to Alma with his family just as soon as he can obtain suitable quarters, which as yet he has been unable to obtain.

The transfers of both men take them into better positions than they held in the past. Mr. Holman will have charge of the entire work in Lansing, while Mr. Cummings, formerly in charge of only the Bell holdings in Ludington, comes here as manager of the district.

HIRE NEW TEACHERS

Two New Instructors Secured for the Primary Grades.

Superintendent of Schools A. F. Schultz has announced that the school board has secured two new instructors for the primary grades, so that the crowded condition in the primary building may be done away with.

The various rooms of the primary building were crowded with the beginning of school, and since then many new students have come in, making matters much worse, and it became imperative that new teachers be secured to relieve the various instructors in this building, some of whom had nearly fifty pupils, a number far too great to secure satisfactory work. Miss Lillie Moorehouse of Homer, Ohio, who has taught in the schools of Mancelona and Oxford, Michigan, and Miss Mary Faunce of St. Louis, who has taught in the public schools of Harbor Beach and Greenville, are the two new teachers who have been added.

No instructor has as yet been secured for the seventh and eighth grades and Mrs. Priest is supplying until a new teacher is secured. Superintendent Schultz is going over the various applications for this position in a most careful manner, he being especially desirous of securing best possible instructors to add to the teaching corps of these grades in the junior high.

Miss Bertha McLaren, one of the teachers in the union school building, is confined to her home at the present time, from a severe illness.

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WILL LOAN TO SCHOOLS

Central State Normal at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, is sending out splendid charts and slides to schools and organizations upon their paying the transportation charges on the same. This material has been prepared at a good deal of cost and care. Nearly every phase of agriculture is covered and persons desiring help in presenting agriculture should make use of this material.

The school is also loaning Babcock testers and other apparatus for illustrating agriculture through its department of agriculture.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HELD

Gratiot Co. Sunday School Convention at Wheeler on Sept. 23rd and 24th.

MANY PEOPLE WERE PRESENT

Addresses on Prohibition Were the Big Features of the Convention.

In keeping with their regular custom the representatives of Gratiot county's numerous Sunday schools met in annual convention at Wheeler, last Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24th. On Saturday morning as fast as delegates arrived they were enrolled and assigned places to stay during the convention.

At eleven o'clock all being assembled in the convention hall, a spirited song service was held, led by Rev. Dunbar of Wheeler. This lasted about thirty minutes, immediately after which devotionals were conducted by Rev. M. A. Baand of Breckenridge.

The afternoon service was opened by another "sing" led by Rev. Dunbar. The next half hour was about equally divided between the song service and the devotionals led by Rev. Fillmore of Breckenridge. The afternoon address given by J. Wm. Eldredge, state specialist upon the subject, "The A. O. B. C. Campaign," needs no comment. Suffice to say that it was very excellent and to the point.

The next thirty minutes were given over to short discussions by the Messrs. J. N. McCall of Ithaca, Wm. Foster, Pompei; W. E. Swope, Riverdale; and Edgar Sias of Forest Hill. The afternoon session closed with an efficiency conference conducted by Prof. F. S. Goodrich of Albion, and J. Wm. Eldredge of Cincinnati, lasting about an hour, collection and benediction.

The evening service was opened again by a song service led by Dr. M. G. Skinner, followed by the secretary's report of the past year's work. The principle feature of the evening was a temperance lecture given by J. Wm. Eldredge, entitled, "Michigan—Wet or Dry."

After a good night's rest most of the delegates were on hand at nine o'clock Sunday morning. The program was as follows:

9:00.—Song and praise service.

9:30.—"What can we do to better Sunday school attendance and efficiency in Gratiot?" Officers and teachers conference on Rally Day, "Go-to-Sunday-School-Sunday," "Division Day," etc., everyone joining in the discussion.

11:00.—Address, "The Boy and the Sunday School," Mrs. A. E. Branch, St. Louis.

An interesting comment might be made that all talked of getting the boy to Sunday school but few mentioned how to keep him in there once he was present.

Afternoon

1:30.—Songfest.

2:00.—Address, "Making Michigan Dry," Prof. F. S. Goodrich, state secretary, followed by a discussion under the head of "What Will We Do About It?"

Rev. Mason, Alma; Rev. Hershey, Ithaca; Rev. Braund, Breckenridge; Rev. F. E. Gainer, St. Louis; F. L. Convis, Ithaca; Fred Fea, Elm Hill, leading the discussion.

4:00.—Problems of the country Sunday school were discussed to some length by Leon Cook of Ashley.

The last meeting was by far the banner meeting. Beginning at 7:30 Prof. F. S. Goodrich lectured on "Palestine as I Saw It." Prof. Goodrich has visited Palestine twice and was well fitted to handle the subject. He led the audience in imagination from Hoboken, N. Y., across the ocean to Calais, thence to Italy, Cairo, Egypt, visiting the museums, etc., there, attending the world's Sunday School convention at Switzerland, sights in Palestine, all the time carrying the audience with him and making it seem as though all were in reality on the trip.

SYND MEETING IN OCTOBER

On Wednesday, October 11th, at the meeting of the Synod of Michigan of the Presbyterian church at Howell, there will be held a session at which addresses will be made on Christian education as given in the sectarian colleges. Among the prominent speakers at this session will be President W. O. Thompson of Ohio State University and President John A. Marquis of Coe college, Iowa. A number from Alma will be in attendance at the meeting.

PERE MARQUETTE CHANGES

Every Pere Marquette train on the Grand Rapids-Saginaw division, with one exception, changed time at midnight last Saturday. In three cases the trains leave earlier and in two cases later. The time of the various trains is given here for our readers:

| East | West |
|-------------|------------|
| 10:20 a. m. | 7:56 a. m. |
| 4:18 p. m. | 1:47 p. m. |
| 9:05 p. m. | 7:25 p. m. |

RECEPTION FRIDAY EVENING

The annual opening reception at Alma college will be held at Wright hall on Friday evening of this week. This annual reception is given as a get-acquainted affair every year, and is given for townpeople as well as college students, and all friends of the college are invited to be present to meet the students at this time.

AND YET ANOTHER

Another Subdivision is Platted and Now on the Market.

Elmwood subdivision, just opposite the new Republic plant on East Superior street, has been platted, and lots are now being offered for sale. This plat consists of forty acres on the south side of East Superior street, and is being put on the market by P. W. Cresser, F. W. Ruggles, J. W. Blakeley and Charles O. Ward, local business men, who recently acquired this property through purchase, with a view of breaking it into lots for market purposes. This plat will make a desirable location for workmen at the new plant.

"Where Are My Children?"—Idle hour.—Ad.

HAS THE PROMISE OF A STRONG AGGREGATION

Alma College Team Promises to be One of the Strongest That Alma Has Had.

With a week and a half of practice the Alma college football team is beginning to take shape, and all indications are pointing to a winning brigade for the Maroon and Cream this fall, and at worst a team that cannot fall far short of the Michigan Inter-collegiate honors.

Coach Helmer has been putting in some hard licks with his material, and the results of good hard work and coaching are beginning to manifest themselves in Helmer's hopefuls. Not since 1912, has Alma had such a promising bunch of material from which to whip a team, and the new Alma Mentor is making every effort to get the material into the best of shape for the opening game of the season, a week from Saturday with Michigan State Normal.

Nearly a dozen old men are back and out for the team, together with a fine bunch of recruits, several of whom look like budding college stars. Some of the old men are very liable to find themselves located on the sidelines, when the first team gets into action, although they may see enough play before the season is over, to again entitle them to letters.

Of the new men, who are looking like winners, Hoolihan, the former Mt. Pleasant Normalite, is easily the shining light. Hoolihan has a position cinched probably at a half. Ed. Foote of Grand Lodge is another promising young giant, who bids fair to take a half back position. Barnabau, also of Grand Lodge, should be able to take a strangle hold on one of the guard stations. At present it looks as if Sullivan of Coldwater would lead in the race for the quarterback job.

This list of four may be the total number of men who will find positions with the opening of the season, leaving the other jobs for the old men. Richards and Foote are likely to hold down the ends. Richards played a remarkable game last year, and Foote showed a few flashes of ability a year ago, when not out because of injuries. Captain Johnston and French are fixtures at the tackle positions, which both have played for two years, and Miller is again certain of his guard position. McAuley at center and Fitch at fullback promise to complete the first team lineup.

Spooner, and Chet Robinson, both old men with plenty of experience, will prove valuable subs, as will Herbert and a new man, Thompson of Old Mission.

This year Helmer should have a team that will average around 175 pounds, and this weight should make the Alma college team the heaviest eleven in the M. I. A. A.

The season opens a week from Saturday with Alma playing the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti. Mitchell has a tough bunch at the Normal and the Teachers will put up a hard fight. Alma, however, is expecting that her pets will flog the Teachers in good shape.

CINDERELLA

On Wednesday, Oct. 11th, at the Idlehour, Mary Pickford will appear as Cinderella, a name dear to many generations of children. In the recent revival of story telling this old tale has had a very prominent place. Its interest never fades; repetition does not spoil it. Every child listens in raptures to the details of the good fairy's treatment of the neglected orphan. The belief that there must be kindly fairies to take care of forsaken children, becomes unshakable. To see Cinderella, as portrayed by Mary Pickford, will add impressive-ness to every point. It will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Parents should make an effort, not simply to send their children, but take them to this play. By so doing they will provide themselves with opportunities and materials to teach and illustrate many a lesson of kindness.

J. Frank Jackson.

TWO NEW STORES FOR THIS CITY

New Groceries will Open Within the Next Seven Days.

IN THE WEST END OF CITY

E. R. Willet of This City and Albert Anderson of Belding the Owners.

Within the next few days the city of Alma will have two new business places, both of them to be grocery stores, according to information which the Alma Record has received.

E. R. Willet, who for a number of years has been with the Miller Bros. grocery, and later with the J. A. Bartley grocery and meat market, who is the proprietor of one of the new groceries. Mr. Willet has rented the west store in the Arcadia hotel block, in which Miller Brothers formerly conducted a grocery, and will install a new store there.

Mr. Willet has considerable work to do before getting the store ready for business, but is in hopes of being able to open his new place of business within the next week or two. He is expecting to conduct a strictly cash grocery.

The old J. B. Smith grocery on West Superior street, which has been closed since spring, has been sold to Mr. Alfred Anderson of Belding and Cedar Lake. Mr. Anderson arrived in Alma the first of the week, and immediately started to clean up the store and get it into shape for business. A new stock of groceries has been ordered and are here, ready for the opening of the store. Mr. Anderson is in hopes of getting the store ready this week, and will open later than Saturday. While he has not had a great deal of experience in the grocery business, he has had a good business experience in some lines, and is expecting to make a better business here, than did his predecessor.

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MARRIED IN ITHACA

Orville Smith and Flossie Boldt Were Married Last Saturday.

Another Alma couple missed the customary shower of rice and old shoes, when Orville D. Smith and Flossie C. Boldt slipped quietly out of the city on Saturday last week and were married.

These prominent young people left the city late in the afternoon and went to the county seat, where at 6:00 o'clock they were united in marriage by Rev. Beebe of the Ithaca Methodist church. As it comes to us, Mr. Smith had forgotten that witnesses were needed, and hence was not prepared for this part of the affair, but a couple of Ithaca ladies happened to be at the Methodist parsonage when the wedding took place, and were easily enticed into acting as witnesses for the wedding.

Mrs. Smith has been a resident of this city for the past three years, and during this time has made many friends here. She is employed at the local office of the Wells-Fargo Express company, in the capacity of cashier and has held the same position since coming to this city.

Mr. Orville Smith has been a resident of Alma for the past two years, and has been in the employ of the Republic Motor Truck Co., during this time in various capacities. He is now employed in the shipping department, and holds a responsible position.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Smith expect to make Alma their home for the winter at least, and for a time both will continue to hold their present positions.

HOW IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

The present publisher has now been in charge of this paper for more than a year and one-half, and there are a number of our subscribers who have paid nothing on their accounts during this time. We do not like to keep sending statements for these small accounts for it costs money to do so and a good many do not like to receive such communications. At the present price of everything going into the production of a newspaper, we cannot afford to extend credit, and we must insist that some of these accounts be paid.

To each subscriber the amount is very small and could just as well be paid one time as another, but to us the aggregate makes a pretty large sum. Please give this matter your attention.

WILL GIVE BENEFIT

On Monday evening, October 2nd, the Idlehour will present a six-act feature production, "Between Savage and Tiger," as a benefit show for the senior class of Alma high school. The show billed for that evening has a stirring plot, and is said by many critics to be the greatest play ever staged in the wilds of India.

"Where Are My Children?"—Idle hour.—Ad.

GET ANOTHER BUNCH

Twenty-Seven More Lads are Hauled Up for Petty Stealing.

The fore part of the week twenty-seven young Alma lads, many of them from among the prominent homes of the city, were cuffed up before Justice Mann, and given about as severe a lecture as they care to hear for a long time. The lecture came as a result of stealing fruit from various places, it is said.

It seems that in one place the lads, made away with all the grapes from an arbor in the northern part of the city, and Oscar Vibber was called in and asked the lads to report to Justice Mann, which they did. Justice Mann took the names of the twenty-seven lads in addition to giving them a lecture, and asked that they pay for the grapes, which they had taken from one place.

This is the second time in two weeks that Justice Mann's office has been crowded with young Alma lads, for such things, and many has been the time since the first of the year. While it is all right for boys to be full of life, they should and must respect the rights of others. Sooner or later, such actions do not cease, some of these lads will find themselves placed in a serious light.

"Where Are My Children?"—Idle hour.—Ad.

HIGH SCHOOL WAS DEFEATED IN OPENER

St. Louis High Nosed Out the Local Team in Closing Moments of the Game.

In the opening game of the season, played last week Friday at St. Louis, the Alma high school football team lost out in the last moments of the game, St. Louis capping the struggle by a score of 16 to 13.

The game in many ways was a joke, being marred by rag chewing and incompetent officiating. It seemed evident that the officials meant to be fair and square, and their lack of football knowledge in the assessment of penalties hit both teams.

The local team, containing several new men, did not come up to expectations in the first game, the line being like a piece of paper, during the entire game, and St. Louis smashed through the Alma forward defense time and again for long gains. The defensive work of the Alma backfield was all that kept the score lower than it was. With good defensive work in the line, there is no question, but that the Alma lads would have walked off with the struggle.

Coach Kimball's men really seemed lost until after St. Louis scored her first touchdown, which came in the second quarter. The local lads woke up then and played a far better game than at the start and played St. Louis almost even during the balance of the game. St. Louis scored her first points when Fuleher snared an Alma fumble, down near the St. Louis goal, and carried the ball eighty yards, being nailed on the Alma five yard line. The locals fought hard at this stage, but on the fourth down St. Louis managed to get the ball over and kicked the goal. After the next kickoff Alma rushed the ball down the field and straight over the goal, and the goal kick tied the score. Campbell scored all seven points. A feature play, a forward pass, Kress to Richards, for thirty yards was the making of this touchdown.

Alma took the lead in the third quarter, when the ball was again taken straight down the field, on a series of line smashes. Walker went over for the touchdown. The try at goal failed.

In the fourth quarter St. Louis again scored, quarterback Andrews making the counter. The try at goal failed, and the teams were tied. St. Louis received and rushed the ball down the field, and from the twenty yard line, and the line for play growing short, Andrews tried a dropkick which sailed neatly over the bar. St. Louis kicked to Alma, and using Howe, play after play, Alma tore off yards at a time, until the thirty yard mark was reached, where with only a half minute to play, Campbell tried a dropkick in an effort to tie the score, but the kick was blocked on the Alma captain.

Campbell, Kress and Howe were easily the Alma stars. The local aggregation does not seem to be discouraged and under coach Kimball's work, they are expecting to run into shape rapidly now, and hope to batter the Ithaca high team to pieces tomorrow here. The work of the lads showed some clever coaching by Kimball, whom the high school lads are ready to almost swear by.

SPEAR TO SPEAK HERE

President Harry Means Crooks of Alma college has announced that Dr. E. E. Spear, secretary of the Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, will speak at Alma college on Friday, October 13th. The address will be made in the afternoon in the chapel. Dr. Spear comes to Alma, highly recommended as a speaker, and is counted as one of the foremost orators of the country. Claims are made that he is one of the five best orators in the United States. All Alma residents will be welcome at the college to hear Dr. Spear, when he gives his address here.

ENROLLMENT GROWING LARGER

Alma College Students Increasing in Number Each Week.

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED NOW

Several More College Presidents Have Agreed to be Here for Inaugural.

Since Alma college opened last week there has been a slight increase in the registration, and now there are 192 students enrolled in the regular college courses, an increase of six during the past week.

The freshmen class this year will go down as one of the largest in the history of the college, although it is considerably smaller than the banner class of two years ago. The first of the week there were a few over ninety freshmen enrolled. While this number may seem small it is a wonderful increase over last year, there being nearly fifty per cent more freshmen than last year, according to the number listed in the Alma college catalogue.

President H. M. Crooks of the college has given out an additional list of college presidents and others, who have signified their intentions of being present Tuesday and Wednesday, October 31st and November 1st, for the inaugural of the new president of Alma. In addition to the many other presidents, mentioned in the Alma Record two weeks ago, Dr. James G. J. McClure, president of McCormick seminary in Chicago; Dr. J. Ross Stevens, president of Princeton seminary, Princeton, N. J.; and Dr. John H. McCracken of Lafayette, Pa., college, and Dr. Edward H. Pence of the Fort Street Presbyterian church in Detroit, have signified their intentions of being here, and others are expected to reply favorably within the next few weeks.

PLAY ITHACA HERE

Old Central Michigan Rivals Will Lock Horns Friday.

The Alma high school football team will play the Ithaca high school team here tomorrow afternoon and a hard fight is being looked for by the Orange and Black lads.

During the past week the high schoolers have improved greatly under the coaching of Kimball, the new high school mentor, and their confidence has been restored in a measure, after the trouncing at St. Louis, last Friday, and they are ready to make a last ditch fight against the county seaters.

Ithaca high-Alma games always furnish a bunch of thrills, and the game this year may not be an exception to the rule. The Ithacans are just as anxious to win over Alma, as Alma is to defeat the Ithaca team. Get out and aid the local lads with their battle.

"INDIANA HOME FOLKS"

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church, "Indiana Home Folks," a comedy drama of every day life in a little village in the Hoosier state, will be presented at the opera house, the middle of October. The play will be produced under the direction of Bruce Chesterman, its author and it promises to repeat the success of "Golden Gulch," and also of last spring's production



BRUCE CHESTERMAN

of "On the Old County Pike," both of which were under his management. His characters are all drawn true to life, and a prominent home talent cast will portray them. In this play, it may be said that the ending is a happy one, in which the lovers are united instead of separated. The drama requires some strong emotional acting, and several of the scenes are unlike anything ever attempted in a home talent production.

AUCTION SALE

On the Kingsbury farm east of Alma, October 5th at 1:00 p. m., a driving mare, safe for a woman, six head of cattle, 20 tons of clover hay, 10 tons of oat straw in barn, one De Laval cream separator, nearly new; harness, farm tools and other utensils too numerous to mention, including a quantity of household goods. Terms: all sums of \$5.00 and under cash; over \$5.00, bankable paper, 10 months' time at 7 per cent. H. C. Moore, clerk; J. D. Helman, auctioneer; C. H. Kingsbury, agent.